(e) and (f) The Model Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act circulated by the Ministry of Agriculture to the States/ Union Territories (UTs) in 2003 for implementing marketing reforms has provisions for the registration of contract farming sponsors and recording of contract farming agreements with the Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) or a prescribed authority under the Act; protection of title or rights of the farmers over the land under such contracts; dispute settlement mechanism and a model draft agreement suggesting various terms and conditions. By now, relevant provisions have been made by 18 State Governments / UTs in their respective APMC Acts for providing a legal framework to contract farming. In seven States / UTs, there are no APMC Acts, therefore, there is no regulation of contract farming in such States / UTs. To help States in the formulation of Rules in this regard, the Ministry of Agriculture has also circulated a set of Model APMC Rules to them for adoption. The Model Act circulated by the Ministry is suggestive in nature, and since agriculture is a State subject, it is for the State Governments to decide on the implementation, intermediation and monitoring of the contract farming arrangements in their States.

Micro-irrigation

2029.SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh is the first State in the country in implementing micro-irrigation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that since implementation of Micro Irrigation Project 3.77 lakh hectares of land has come under micro-irrigation in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the details of micro-irrigation in other States of the country, State-wise; and

(d) the efforts his Ministry is making to bring more and more land under micro irrigation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir. Maharashtra is the first State in the country in implementing micro irrigation during 1988 as reported in 2004 by the Task Force on Micro Irrigation constituted by Ministry of Agriculture, (Government of India).

(b) Yes, Sir. Since implementation of Andhra Pradesh Micro Irrigation Project (APMIP) the State of Andhra Pradesh has achieved 3.76 lakh ha of land under micro irrigation system.

(c) The State-wise details of area achieved under Micro Irrigation system in the Country is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) To promote and to bring more and more land under micro irrigation in the country Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India has launched the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation during January, 2006, under which subsidy is provided to all categories of farmers @ 50% of the total cost of the system (drip & sprinkler) in the ratio of 40:10 sharing between Government of India and the State Government. Assistance for demonstration, training, awareness programme and publicity on micro irrigation system are also provided to the States.

Statement

Area Covered under Micro Irrigation in India as on 31.10.2008 (Ha)

Sl.No.	State	Drip	Sprinkler	Total
1	Rajasthan	17002	706813	723815
2	Maharashtra	482341	214674	697015
3	Haryana	7136	518367	525502
4	Andhra Pradesh	363073	200950	564023
5	Karnataka	177326	228621	405947
6	Gujarat	169689	136284	305973
7	Tamil Nadu	131335	27186	158521
8	West Bengal	146	150031	150177
9	MP	20432	117685	138117
10	Chhattisgarh	3648	59270	62919
11	Orissa	3629	23466	27095
12	UP	10675	10589	21264
13	Punjab	11730	10511	22241
14	Kerala	14119	2516	16635
15	Sikkim	80	10030	10110
16	Nagaland	NA	3962	3962
17	Goa	762	332	1094
18	HP	116	581	696
19	Arunachal Pradesh	613	NA	613
20	Jharkhand	133	365	498
21	Bihar	163	206	369
22	Others	15000	30000	45000
	Grand TOTAL	1429404	2452680	3882084

Source: National Committee on Plastics in Horticulture. (NCPAH)

Insurance scheme for plantation sector

2030.SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Group of Ministers on plantation industry headed by the Union Agriculture Minister decided to convene a meeting of Chief Ministers of States in December, to review subsidy formula for Rs. 729 crore insurance scheme for plantation sector;

(b) if so, the outcome of the meeting held;